

# MINUTES

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 June 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Taihape Area School  
26 Huia Street  
Taihape

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**Present:** Sophia Lewis  
Lisa Cruywagen  
Atawhai McDowell  
Jessie Lee Ellery  
Denise Pio  
Zoe Hayward  
Sofie Kendrick  
Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana  
Cr Gill Duncan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi  
Michael Andrews

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## 1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer

Meeting Commenced 5.32pm. Atawhai read the youth prayer.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                                **21/RYC/007**

Please accept the late arrival of Andy Watson.

McDowell/Lewis. Carried

Amendment raised in the 13 July 2021 meeting: Charly Ward-Berry was an apology for the 08 June 2021 meeting.

## 3 Public Forum

Michael Andrews spoke on the treaty of Waitangi and the declaration of independence.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair added several late items.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Location on the minutes is incorrect. It reads Council Chambers. The correct location was River Valley Lodge, Taihape.

**Resolved minute number**                                **21/RYC/008**

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 21 March 2021 [as amended] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Amendment: the location should read as 'River Valley Lodge, Taihape'.

Lewis/Cruywagen. Carried

## 7 Reports for Information

### 7.1 Youth Council Report - May/June 2021

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RYC/009**

That the Youth Council Report – May/June 2021 be received.

Ratana-Karehana/McDowell. Carried

## 8 Discussion Items

### 8.1 Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre

Kelly Widdowson spoke to this item. Asking RYC for ideas/thoughts/feedback on the current situation at Te Matapihi with younger youth. The kids are bored, there is no dedicated space for them, they have nothing to do, the space s not fit for the purpose of children/youth. What can/will we do about this? Does this mean we look at moving offsite for a youth space. Perhaps the old library in Bulls.

Andy noted the old library is not earthquake proof.

RYC spoke about kids wanting to have a space they belong to, that they feel connected to. Asking the kids of bulls what they want. We could do this by asking through schools, workshops, providing an outlet for kids to have things to do rather than cause trouble. It was noted, we cant change a home environment which is a big reason why kids behave the way they do. How could we bring more authority into the space, police have such a stigma in the community, how can we break that down and have more informal police presence in our community to build relationships. Talk to police about getting involved in sports, planning events with police involvement. Ask the sergeant to be a guest speaker at RYC for their perspectives on the community youth problem.

Waiatatia bought up Iwi. What are they doing to help youth in our community. She requested a meeting be set up with Nga Wairiki O Ngati Apa to gather more understanding around how we can better partner together to look after our youth community. "We are supposed to work in partnership to take care of everybody, not just a select few."

**Resolved minute number** **21/RYC/010**

A meeting be set up with Nga Wairiki O Ngati Apa after the youth awards.

Ratana-Karehana/Pio. Carried

Dinner break 6.27pm

Meeting Commenced 6.53pm

## 9 Late Items

### 9.1 Chair's Report

Madam Chair requested everyone continue to promote Youth Awards with only a month away.

There was discussion around organising a group trip to parliament during FFTF. Michael is going to look at organising a tour for RYC. Those particularly interested in this were Waiatatia, Denise, Atawhai, Lisa and Sofie.

Andy also named the exhibition the secret keeper as an item of particular recommendation.

### 9.2 Library Placemaking

Kelly spoke to this item. Some left over funding for 2020. Potential to create a space outside the Marton library to replace the hedges and make a more inviting space to sit, read, connect in community.

His Worship the Mayor suggested just because there is money does not mean it has to be spent. RYC questioned whether the money would roll over to the next years for the same development outside the library. The answer was no, there was no guarantee of the money rolling over to the next year.

RYC asked several good questions, what was involved, what the process was, pros and cons.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RYC/011**

That the placemaking application be put through before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Cruywagen/Kendrick. Carried

### 9.3 Expressions Hub

Sofie spoke to this item. She is leading Expressions hub. A poetry club to extend to art. Open to ages 12-17 years, every second Monday 7-8pm starting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. She aims for this to be a cool place to hang out, an easy place to make friends with likeminded people in a supportive environment with activities based around poetry. She aims to promote through school and homeschool groups. Pride month could be a great focus idea. Each month will be a featured poem, framed and promoted not just in the lobby but on public forum as well, to showcase the groups work. Support is needed from RYC to help run this. Waiatatia, Lisa and Denise are all willing to help and be present.

The next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm Ohakea Room Bulls.

**The Meeting closed at 7.22 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 13 July 2021.**

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**Chairperson**